

**MINUTES OF THE
UPPER BEAR RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING
Rich County Courthouse
Randolph, Utah
February 14, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with Sim Weston conducting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked for a reading of last year's minutes by Bob Fotheringham of the Division of Water Rights. No corrections were needed so a motion was made to accept the minutes by Charles Rex, seconded by Blair Francis, all approved.

Mr. Sim then read the financial report for 2002. The balance of the distribution trust funds at the beginning of the year was \$7,477.10, receipts at \$19,559.01, expenditures at \$21,295.60 for a total at the end of the year \$5,740.51. The assessment for 2002 was set at \$19,879.00. The commissioner mentioned the equipment expense item was higher this past year because he had eight of the Stevens recorders cleaned @ \$50.00 per unit. There were no accounts delinquent at the end of the year. A motion was made by Charles Rex to accept the financial report, seconded by Greg Peart, all approved.

Mr. Weston then called for the river commissioner to give his report for the past year. Ron mentioned it was a poor water year. There was very little snow in the mountains and the valleys with no rain during the summer. There was enough runoff to fill the reservoirs and they did spill for a short time. Woodruff Narrows Reservoir filled to 40,000 acre feet. Water supply was sufficient for ten days of water resulting in the water users raising about 1/16 of their usual crop.

Concerns and needs by the commissioner were as follows:

On the Bear River System, the Dykens Canal needs a footbridge and although Greg Peart stated that he took telephone poles from his wife's front yard, hauled and placed them just below the measuring device in Dykens Canal, Ron says they are gone.

The Randolph - Woodruff Canal needs a footbridge repaired. It is dangerous to cross.

On the Woodruff Creek system, the Frazier #1 Ditch flume is submerged. The Eastman #1 Ditch flume is submerged. A gage and rating table is needed below Woodruff Creek Reservoir to measure flows.

On the Otter Creek System the splitter needs to be repaired and a headgate must be installed on the Rex Confluence South Ditch before the next irrigation season.

Ron also expressed concern about low flows on the river this year. He will be running the river by priorities if there is insufficient water supply this irrigation season. There was consensus among the water users that this is the way the river will need to be operated, unless the group as a whole decides otherwise. He mentioned the current snowpack at the Monte Cristo Snotel site is 51% of normal water content.

Charles Rex complimented the commissioner on a job well done this past season. A motion to accept the commissioner's report was made by Charles Rex, seconded by Kent Brown, all approved.

Mr. Weston opened discussion concerning budget proposals for the upcoming year. The budget for 2003 was proposed as follows: Salary \$9,250.00, Social Security \$708.00, Travel Expense \$3,500.00, state assessment \$1,107.00, Insurance premiums \$6,603.00, Annual Report \$200.00, Equipment Expense \$500.00, for a total budget at \$21,868.00 and the assessment set at \$21,868.00. A motion was made by Blair Francis to accept the budget and assessment, seconded by Greg Peart. The voting was unanimous.

A motion was made by Blair Francis to suspend the rules and have the existing Board of Directors remain in office by acclamation, seconded by Kent Brown, all approved.

The current board members are:

Sim Weston	chairman
Kay Thornock	committee member
Wally Schulthess	committee member
Charles Rex	committee member

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Those attending the meeting:

Name	Representing
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Bob Fotheringham	Utah Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ron Hoffman	River Commissioner
Blair R. Francis	Bear River Canal
Charles Rex	Crawford Thompson Canal
Greg Peart	Self
Greg Thornock	Otter Creek
Ken Brown	R & W Canal Co.
Glen Thomson	Self
Wes Tingey	Woodruff Irrigation Company
Alvin Shawl	R & W Extension Canal
Ross McKinnon	R & W Canal Co.
Steven F. Wilson	B & G Canal Co.
Clint Cornia	R & W Canal Co.
Roland Willis	B & G Canal Co.